THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Rail tickets through post offices in Kerala

716. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of post offices selected for operation of issuing railway tickets in the country, State-wise;

(b) the minimum requirement for that need in a post office;

(c) how many number of post office selected in the State of Kerala for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) List of 28 Post Offices identified for provision of facility of issuing reserved railway tickets is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). The Post Offices identified are as mutually agreed by the Ministry of Railways and Department of Posts which include Non Rail Head and remote locations sanctioned for provision of Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility and also those suggested by Department of Posts. Since no location in the State of Kerala was there in the list of sanctioned locations mentioned above and also Department of Posts did not propose any such location, the same was not identified for provision of this facility.

Statement

List of locations identified for provision of facility of issuing computerized reserved tickets through Post Offices

Sl. No.	Name of location	State
1	2	3
1.	Noida Sector 56 PO	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon	Haryana
3.	Dahisar, Mumbai	Maharashtra
4.	Sriperambadur	Tamil Nadu
5.	Pushkar	Rajasthan
6.	DLF Gurgaon	Haryana
7.	Dwarka Sector 6	Delhi
8.	Greater Noida Alpha	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Indirapuram/Shipra Sun City	Uttar Pradesh
10.	Kavinagar/Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh

1	2	3
11.	Deoghar	Jharkhand
12.	Auraiya	Uttar pradesh
13.	Panchkula	Haryana
14.	Poonch	Jammu & Kashmir
15.	Madras High Court	Tamilnadu
16.	Anjaw	Arunachal Pradesh
17.	Bishanpur	Manipur
18.	Champhai	Mizoram
19.	Mangaldoi	Assam
20.	Jowai	Meghalaya
21.	Senapati	Manipur
22.	Udaipur	Tripura
23.	Yingkiong	Arunachal Pradesh
24.	Daporijo	Arunachal Pradesh
25.	Bomdila	Arunachal Pradesh
26.	Doda	Jammu Kashmir
27.	Sundergarh	Orissa
28.	Ahwa	Gujarat

Tender for procurement of mobile phones by railtel

717. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railtel has issued a tender for procurement of mobile phones for both CDMA and GSM operators;

(b) if so, the complete details of specifications of the tenders;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to the tender, the presence of telecom operators on all 23 circles in our country is mandatory; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons alongwith the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. RailTel has issued a tender for hiring of CDMA/GSM mobile connection in Closed User Group.

(b) The tender document is available on RailTel's *website www.railtelindia.com.*

(c) Yes, Sir.